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## Monthly Newsletter

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## *President's Dispatch*

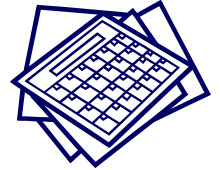
Here it is, the New Year of 2019 and almost time for our next club meeting. The December meeting, which included our Christmas party, was enjoyable for me and my family and I hope everyone that attended enjoyed themselves as much as we did. Although the business portion of the meeting was short, we did manage to have an election for club officers (a couple of months late) and the current officers were all re-elected for a second and final term. We had a couple of visitors at the meeting, Dr. James Baker and his wife, who also enjoyed the party with us and signed on as members of the club. The Bakers were stamp collectors in the past and have decided to rejoin the stamp collecting community. WELCOME Mr. And Mrs. Baker! We then enjoyed pizzas and beverages supplied by the club plus all of the foods that the members brought while we held our annual White Elephant gift exchange. And of course we then had our monthly auction that I believe all of us always enjoy.

I have added some material to the 5¢ a stamp stock books including many stamps from Bolivia, which now has its own stock book. I will have the 5¢ a stamp stock books at the January meeting as usual.

I have been doing some research on watermark detection and I plan to share with the members the results of my research by presenting a short summary during the next meeting. Any members who would like to make presentations please contact me so I can assign you to a future meeting.

*Steve*

## *Club Calendar*



***Guests and Visitors***

***always Welcome!***

**January 17th - 7 p.m.**

**Monthly Meeting at  
Northeast State Community College  
Student Services Building Cafeteria**

There was a large variety of wrapped packages that made up our White Elephant gift exchange.



## USPS 2019 stamp program by your newsletter editor

Now that 2019 is here you might be wondering what topics the USPS will celebrate with the stamps that will be issued throughout the year. Following is what USPS has announced so far. No issue dates yet.

- Year of the Boar - Chinese Lunar New Year series (12th)
- Hearts Blossom - Love series
- Gregory Hines - Black Heritage series (42nd)
- Cactus Flowers - photos of ten cacti flowers
- Alabama - Statehood Bicentennial series (22nd)
- Marvin Gaye - Music Icons series
- Post Office Murals - five murals painted during the Great Depression
- U.S. Flag - photo of flag fluttering in May breezes
- Walt Whitman - Literary Art series (32nd)
- North American Frogs - four illustrations of frogs
- American State and County Fairs - four se-tenant stamps
- 50th Anniversary of Woodstock Music and Art Fair
- Winter Berries - four winter season berries
- Joshua Tree - American Landmarks series
- Central Park Bethesda Fountain - American Landmarks
- California Dogface - butterfly series (7th) for non-machineable mail
- Wild and Scenic Rivers - twelve photos of freely running rivers and streams
- USS Missouri - 75th anniversary of the commissioning of the US Navy's last battleship
- Coral Reefs - four types of coral shown with reef fish on stamps for post cards



## Monthly Treasury Report

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance Dec. 3, 2018   | \$4,084.56        |
| Beginning Cash on Hand           | \$4,085.59        |
| checking account balance         | \$3,869.65        |
| cash box                         | \$221.94          |
| APS Circuit Sales owned          | \$6.00            |
| <b>Total Income</b>              | <b>\$481.55</b>   |
| HSC Auction sales                | \$81.55           |
| Other Sales                      | \$295.00          |
| 2019 Membership Dues             | \$105.00          |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>       | <b>(\$123.74)</b> |
| HSC Bucks Redeemed               | (\$0.00)          |
| APS Circuit Expenses             | (\$9.25)          |
| Newsletter Expenses              | (\$47.91)         |
| Christmas Party pizzas           | (\$66.58)         |
| Ending Balance Jan. 1, 2019      | \$4,443.40        |
| Ending Cash on hand Jan. 1, 2019 | \$4,406.78        |
| checking account balance         | \$3,774.45        |
| cash box                         | \$705.24          |
| issued checks not cleared        | (\$72.91)         |
| <b>Adjustment</b>                | <b>(36.62)</b>    |

*During the December special auction one member sold 4 lots for a total of \$76.75. HSC materials sold for \$81.55.*

Here are some of the stamps.



Unless otherwise indicated by announcement in the newsletter, Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular meeting on the 3rd Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

**Hope to C. U. there**

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